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**First Lady Jane Beshear Recognizes Stamping Ground Elementary
for ENERGY STAR Achievement**

FRANKFORT, Ky (June 2, 2008) – First Lady Jane Beshear today recognized the Scott County School District's Stamping Ground Elementary School for earning the prestigious ENERGY STAR, a national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy performance. At a ceremony at the school, Mrs. Beshear presented Stamping Ground Principal, Paul Krueger, with a certificate signed by Governor Steve Beshear and a bronze plaque that will be mounted on the school.

"ENERGY STAR facilities use approximately 35 percent less energy than average buildings," explained Mrs. Beshear. "Energy conservation is extremely important to the Governor and me and we are pleased that Stamping Ground is leading the way in providing high-quality service and comfort to students and teachers while remaining energy efficient."

Stamping Ground Elementary, constructed in 2001 and located at 3233 Main Street in Stamping Ground, is one of only 13 schools in the state to receive the commendation. The 56,600 square-foot school, with a 360-student capacity, includes several energy-saving features such as a geothermal heating and cooling system, variable speed pumping, an internet accessible HVAC control system for thermostat control when building spaces are not occupied, and geothermal domestic water heating.

Officials attending today's event included George Lusby, Scott County Judge Executive; Karen Tingle-Sames, Georgetown Mayor; Jarred Hollon, Stamping Ground Mayor; Elizabeth Beardsley, of Representative Charlie Hoffman's office; and Scott County School Board members Becky Sams and Randy Mayo. Groups that played key roles in the school's energy efficient capabilities are the Scott County School District, represented by Ken Wright and Zan Rexroat; CMTA Inc., a mechanical engineering firm, represented by Jeremy Smith; and Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects, which designed the facility, represented by Mike Smith.

Due to Stamping Ground's energy savings program, the school district is realizing an estimated \$31,000 in annual energy savings based on what it costs for utilities at

comparable schools.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a building must receive at least 75 out of 100 points in the EPA's national energy-performance rating system, which is 25 percent above the average building ranking of 50 points. Buildings are rated based on how they compare to similar buildings across the country. The rating system is available for office buildings, schools, dormitories, hotels, hospitals and grocery stores, among other commercial buildings.

A building must be operational for at least one year and submit a year's worth of energy-use data to the EPA to be considered for the ENERGY STAR. More information on ENERGY STAR programs can be found at www.energystar.gov. To learn more about other Kentucky schools that have earned the ENERGY STAR, visit www.energy.ky.gov.

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